Canal and the Kotri-Rohri Railway. The progress of the work was also interrupted by the pressing of donkeys for the Chitral expedition as without the aid of these animals the professional wood-cutters cannot remove firewood from the forests to the river bank or railway station.

Quantity of fuel supplied to large consumers.

104. The subjoined statement shows the quantity of firewood supplied under departmental agency to the State Railway and other Departments and large consumers for two years :—

To whom supplied.	Firewood.	
	1893-94.	1894-95.
	Mds.	Mds.
North-Western Railway	1,283,054	1,093,126
Commissioner's steamer "Jhelum"	29,965	31,593
Indus Ferry steamers	68,537	68,990
River Conservancy Department	4,494	4,528
Public Works Department	41,587	3,910
Karachi Harbour Works	39,516	...
Commissariat Department	217,976	71,267
Hyderabad Water Works	61,800	37,000
Sukkur Municipality	7,295	11,107
Hyderabad Jail	3,576	2,701
Government Farm, Hyderabad	4,500	3,500
Seth Vishindas, contractor	10,169	132,995
Nawab of Bahawalpur's steamer	...	125
Sukkur Water Works	600	6,335
Executive Engineer, Military Works, Quetta ...	2,207	6,030
Adjutant, Royal Artillery, Quetta	973	965
Messrs. Herman, Boyce & Co.	8,550	...
Cotton ginning engines	200,700	226,550
Indus Riverain Survey	...	4,056
Total ...	1,985,499	1,704,778

(c) Other Minor Produce.

Minor products.

105. Minor products are not collected through departmental agency in the Sind Circle.

II.—Removal of Produce by purchasers.

(a) Timber.

Comparative statement of timber removed by purchasers.

106. The following is a comparative statement for two years of the quantity of timber cut and removed from the forests by purchasers :—

Division.	Timber.		Posts.		Rafters.		Sleepers.		Planks.	
	1893-94.	1894-95.	1893-94.	1894-95.	1893-94.	1894-95.	1893-94.	1894-95.	1893-94.	1894-95.
	C. ft.	C. ft.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Sukkur	23,431	2,360	216	101	25,537	23,638	...	...	...	...
Naushahro ...	3,143	9,516	...	1,000	17,789	41,358	...	...	...	...
Hyderabad ...	3,609	10,061	1,414	2,688	13,397	27,176	...	...	...	...
Jerruck	399	11,304	991	393	16,360	24,297	...	6,664	...	4,649
Total ...	30,582	33,241	2,621	4,182	73,083	116,469	...	6,664	...	4,649

107. The smaller and larger outturn of timber in the Sukkur and Naushahro Divisions, respectively, was due to the necessity or otherwise of clearing river banks threatened by erosion. In the year previous, more extensive operations were undertaken in the former division than in the latter, whereas during the year under report it was just the reverse. A larger removal of windfalls on banks of canals running through forest limits has increased the yield in timber in the Hyderabad Division.

Local as well as outside demands having been met by employing private instead of departmental agency is the cause of the better results shown against the Jerruck Division.

It will be noticed that the yield of the year in rafters is exceptionally large, which is due, I believe, to the fact that waste lands from which this kind of produce used to be extracted for local wants having been exhausted by reckless exploitation, the demands of such large towns as Larkana, Sehwan, Bubak and Tatta had to be met from Reserved Forests.

(*b*) *Firewood and Charcoal.*

Outturn of firewood and charcoal.

108. The comparative outturn in cubic feet for two years of firewood and charcoal is as follows:—

Division.	Outturn in cubic feet.	
	Firewood and Charcoal, 1893-94.	Firewood and Charcoal, 1894-95.
Sukkur	2,890,152	2,852,163
Naushahro	365,026	312,803
Hyderabad	323,777	372,114
Jerruck	53,440	398,972
Total ...	3,632,395	3,936,052

109. The larger outturn is mainly due to the abandonment of departmental in favour of private agency for supplying the requirements of the Commissariat Department at Karachi and the Manora Harbour Works.

110. The "ghat" realizations by sale of dead wood collected and removed by retail vendors for the two years 1893-94 and 1894-95 compare as follows:—

Revenue from "ghats."

Name of Division.	Name of Ghat.	Revenue realised.	
		1893-94.	1894-95.
		Rs.	Rs.
Sukkur	Rahuja	13,069	13,006
	Jhali		
	Rohri		
	Sadar	13,294	13,415
	Stewart		
	Khura		
Naushahro	Larkana	1,990	1,992
	Garhi Yasin	945	1,000
Hyderabad	New Fuleli...	966	1,055
	Old Fuleli		
	Hajipur		
	Total ...	30,264	30,468